

October 20, 2000

Jill I. Sugarman, Reports Analyst
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: C00331769

Dear Ms. Sugarman;

I have been asked to respond to your inquiry dated September 27, 2000, copy enclosed. Please note the following items for your inquiry:

- 1) The committee erroneously accepted a contribution in excess of the limits from Mark A. Lindquist on March 8, 2000. The contribution check was dated March 6, 2000. We have refunded Mr. Lindquist \$250 of the excess contribution. We have further requested that Mr. Lindquist redesignate \$250 of that contribution to the general election and he has agreed. Mr. Lindquist has only contributed \$750 to the general election, therefore he may redesignate an additional \$250 to the general election. We are carefully reviewing our contributions as always, and we are again reviewing contributions received during that period of time to assure that no other excess contributions were accepted. We believe the error was caused by a software glitch with our reporting program that did not properly convert certain contributions received in 1999. That is, our software apparently had a Y2K problem. As I stated, we are again reviewing the contributions received during that period for any additional problems. So far, none have been found. Our committee has previously returned several contributions in excess of the limits within 24 hours of receipt. We fully understand the serious nature of the campaign limits and apologize for any error made.
- 2) The committee had net debt at the end of the primary. Therefore we accepted a small amount of contributions designated for the primary after the primary election. We do maintain workpapers substantiating our net debt at the date of the election. In addition we note the date the contribution was made as opposed to the date the contribution was received.
- 3) The contribution related to the 48 hour notice dated March 1, 2000, from U.A. Political Education Committee was reported on Schedule A with an incorrect date of March 6, 2000. This was apparently caused by a duplicate 48 hour notice filed for the same organization on March 6, 2000. In fact, only one contribution was received from this donor, on March 1, 2000. We correctly filed a 48 hour notice, however the Schedule A reported an incorrect date of March 6, 2000, when in fact the date should have been March 1, 2000. The March 6, 2000, 48 hour notice should not have been filed.

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